REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and Allowance of Claims 18-20 in view of the above amendments and following arguments.

DRAWINGS

A proposed corrected drawing, an "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" in red, is submitted herewith indicating the addition of numeral "70" to Figure 13 which was noted as missing by the Examiner. Also, a new "Replacement Sheet" is provided herewith for the Examiner's review and approval. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawing on this ground be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

The Examiner noted a typo in the specification at page 8, line 11 which suggested a numeral was missing in the figures. Instead, Applicant has corrected the specification to eliminate the typo and correctly refer to "safety probe 18" as set forth throughout the specification. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawing on this ground be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 18-20 were objected to because of a misspelled word, "scannable". These claims have been amended to include the proper spelling. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to these claims on this ground be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims1-17 have been allowed.

Claims 18-20 were objected to but deemed allowable if corrected.

Claims 1-20 remain pending in this case.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 18-20. If the Examiner should feel that any issue remains as to the allowability of these claims, or that a conference might expedite allowance of the claims, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicant intends this to be a complete response. No fee is believed due; however if a fee is due, please charge the deposit account number indicated on the transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANCES.

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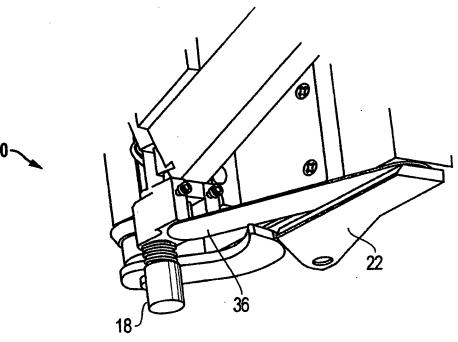


FIG. 18

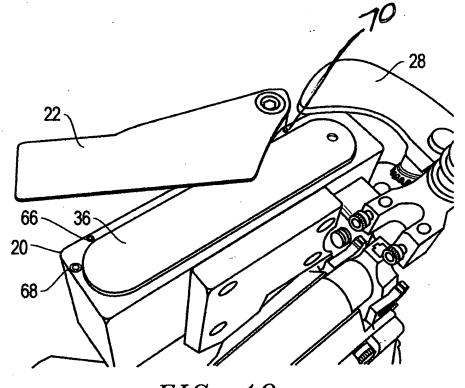


FIG. 19